

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EXTENSION OF EXTERNAL MARKET ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR JUTE BAGS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government have extended External Market Assistance (EMA) Scheme for jute goods for one year w.e.f. April 1, 2001;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether rate of assistance has been reduced by half across the board for the eight eligible categories of jute goods export items; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANJAYKUMAR)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The External Market Assistance (EMA) Scheme, which is being implemented by Jute Manufactures Development Council (JMDC) has been extended by the Government for a period of one year w.e.f. April 1, 2001. The details of the scheme are placed at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The rates of assistance have been reduced to 50% of the rates approved for the year 2000-2001 for all the eligible categories of jute goods export items. This step has been taken keeping in view the increasing EMA liability and the available resources under the existing structure of Cess and grant received by the Jute Manufactures Development Council.

Annexure-I

Jute Goods eligible under EMA scheme

Sl. No. Name of Product Rate of EMA w.e.f. 01.04.2001
on F.O.B. value realised

1. Jute or Jute blended/union 5% (subject to maximum
fabrics (FOB above ceiling of Rs. 5000/ton)
Rs. 50,000/ton)

2. Jute/Blended/Union carpets/ 5%
mats/mattings

3. a) Jute yarn/jute blended/ 2.5%
covered yarn (decitex not
exceeding 20000)

b) Cordage, cable, Rope & 2.5%
Twine of jute (decitex
exceeding 20000)

4. Jute handicrafts 5%

5. Jute wall hangings 5%

6. Jute or jute blended garments 5%

and made ups

7 Foodgrade Jute Products 5%

8. Geo Textile 2.5%